P.F. deposits by Trading concerns

1979. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL ALIAS MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the number of trading concerns as on 31st March, 1995 which were to deposit more than five lakhs towards PF A/cs of the employees; and

(b) what are the names and amount of such concerns together with the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) and (b) As on 31.3.95, there were 679 establishments in the country which had P.F. default of more than Rs. 5.00 lakhs. As the number of such defaulters is quite large, it is somewhat difficult to furnish their individual details. At present, the information relating to default by the trading concerns is not separately maintained.

Tobacco and Cigar workers in Andhra Pradesh

1980. SHRI MOHAN BABU: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey has been made of the seasonal employment of skilled tobacco and cigar workers in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) whether Government have any welfare schemes for this sector on similar lines as for beedi workers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI P.A. SANGMA): (a) to (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

New Coal reserves in Orissa

1981. SHRI SARADA MOHANTY: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(b) whether Government have discovered any new Coal Reserve areas in Orissa;

(b) if so, the details thereof and approximate coal Reserve in those new locations; and

(c) the steps taken for the exploration of coal from those areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) to (c) Geological Survey of India (GSI), engaged in regional exploration of coal in the country, have established the following potential blocks with estimated reserves indicated against each in the virgin tracts of Talchar & Ib-River coalfields in Orissa:

Coalfield	Block	(in million tonnes) Reserves
Talcher	Kasala North	540
	Kasala South	2220
	Chendipada	6100
	Chendipada (West) & Patrapara	1520
	North of Akhrapal	1300
Ib-River	Gopalpur	7780
	Kulda-Manoharpur	3600
	Kulda-Manoharpur (East)	2540
	Beldih	150

Based on regional exploration of GSI, Central Mine Planning & Design Institute Limited (CMPDIL) has taken up detailed exploration on reserves in the area.

खाद्यान्नों की प्रति-व्यक्ति उपलब्धता

1982. **श्री दिग्विजय सिंह:** क्या खाद्य मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान तथा जुलाई, 1995 तक भारत में खाद्यान्नों की प्रति व्यक्ति प्रतिदिन/प्रति-माह उपलब्धि कितनी-कितनी रही है;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि देश में प्रति-व्यक्ति खाद्यान्न की उपलब्धता में गिरावट आई है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो इसके क्या कारण हैं; तथा सरकार प्रति-व्यक्ति खाद्यान्न उपलब्धता में आई कमी/गिरावट को पूरा करने के लिए क्या प्रभावी कदम उठाने पर विचार कर रही है?

खाद्य मंत्री (श्री अजित सिंह): (क) और (ख) "इकोनामिक सर्वे-1994-95" के अनुसार पिछले तीन वर्षों के दौरान भारत में खाद्यान्नों की प्रति व्यक्ति निवल उपलब्धता निम्न प्रकार से है:-

वर्ष	ग्राम प्रति दिन (अनन्तिम)
1992	468.5
1993	464.4
1994	474.2

वर्ष 1995 के लिए खाद्यान्नों की प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता का अभी अनुमान नहीं लगाया गया है।

(ग) प्रति व्यक्ति उपलब्धता में आई गिरावट को रोकने के लिए खाद्यान्नों के उत्पादन और उत्पादकता में वृद्धि करने के प्रयोजन से कृषि मंत्रालय विभिन्न फसल उत्पादन-परक कार्यक्रमों पर अमल कर रहा है।

CONDOLENCE RESOLUTION ON ACCIDENT INVOLVING PURUSHOTTAM EXPRESS AND KALINDI EXPRESS TRAINS NEAR FEROZABAD ON 20TH AUGUST 1995

श्री कृष्ण लाल शर्मा: महोदया, मैंने क्वेश्चन आवर सस्पेंड करने के लिए नोटिस दिया है।

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, as it was decided in the meeting today by the Leaders of the various political parties and groups that since we had a terrible train accident yesterday, the loss and grief to a large number of people and the entire nation is shocked, both the Houses should pass a condolence resolution from the Chair which should be adopted by the entire House and we stand in silence as a mark of respect and after that there will be a statement by the Government and then we can have the clarifications. So, with this in view, it is decided to suspend the Question Hour and, with the permission of the House I will read out the condolence message before we adopt it:

"The entire nation has been shocked at the ghastly tragedy which the ill-fated Kalindi and Purushottam Express Trains met with yesterday involving loss of many lives and several injured. It is a national disaster. The entire House joins me in extending sympathies to the members of the families of the deceased and injured."

As a mark of our sense of sorrow and sumpathy, I request hon. Members to stand up for a minute in silence.

(Hon. Members then stood in silence for one minute)

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Now, Mr. Minister, are you going to read out the statement? Where are the copies of the statement?

STATEMENT BY MINISTER
On accident involving Purushottam Express and Kalindi Express Trains near Ferozabad on 20th Agusut 1995

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): This was a sudden decision.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I tell you, I know there are formalities, I know we have cetain traditions, I know we have certain rules, but there are no rules in such tragedies and national disasters. So, all of you, please co-operate. You have co-operated, you have co-operated in suspending the Question Hour.

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री सिकन्दर बख्त): स्टेटमेंट की कापी?

उपसभापति: अभी अभी डिसिजन लिया है सिकन्दर बख्त साहब।

SHRI MALLIKARJUN: Madam, it is with deep anguish that I apprise the House of an unfortunate rear-end collision between 2801 Purushottam Express and 4023 Kalindi Express at Ferozabad station in the Allahabad division of the Northern Railway on 20.8.1995 at 2.55 hours. The accident occurred when 4023 Kalindi Express on run from Farukkhabad to Delhi was held up near advance starter of Ferozabad station, owing to a hosepipe disconnection on account of a cattle run-over case. In the meanwhile, 2801 Purushottam Express, finding all the signals green and which was running on the same line occupied by Kalindi Express, collided on its rear-end, resulting in derailment of the five rear coaches of Kalindi Express and the locomotive and eight coaches of Purushottam Express and caused blocking of through traffic.

In this accident, as known so far, 251 persons have lost their lives, and 230 persons sustained injuries. Relief trains with medical equipment and teams of docotrs were rushed from Tundla, Kanpur, Agra, and Delhi. In addition, local doctors with ambulances rushed from local hospitals of Tundla, Agra, Etawa, Mainpuri, Ferozabad and rendered medical assistance to injured persons. Later on, the injured were admitted to the various hospitals, where they are progressing.

On receipt of the information, I myself, accompanied by the Chairman, Members (Traffic and Electrical), Adviser (Signals),